

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 1st July 2012

HF News Readers Needed

Additional HF newsreaders are required to cover the 40 & 80M news broadcasts over the summer months due to holidays etc. Any members that wish to join the panel and are available to read the HF news would be most welcome. Please send an email to [info /at/ irts.e](mailto:info@irts.ie)

Short Wave Listeners

Short Wave Listener members will have seen the item on Page 4 of the current issue of Echo Ireland about call book entries. SWLs who want to be included in published listings are asked to email Joe Ryan EI7GY, the Membership Records Officer, at [memrecords /at/ irts.ie](mailto:memrecords@irts.ie)

2012 IARU HF World Championship

The 2012 IARU HF World Championships will take place during the second full weekend of July, beginning at 12:00 UTC on Saturday 14 July and ending at 12:00 UTC on Sunday 15 July 2012.

The objective of this contest is to contact as many other amateurs, especially IARU Member Society HQ stations, around the world as possible using the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metre bands using phone and/or CW.

All IARU Region 1 Member Societies are invited to actively participate with their official stations and to encourage their members to also participate.

We need to have a station on all the contest bands both CW and SSB which makes a total of 12 stations. If you are interested in helping with your station or as an operator please contact Thos EI2JD through email at [thoscaffrey /at/ hotmail.com](mailto:thoscaffrey@hotmail.com) or by phone to 0872953256. As we are celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the IRTS we will be using the special callsign EI80IRTS.

The rules for the 2012 contest are available on bit.ly/9droX1

Death of Dick Baldwin W1RU

The death has been reported of Dick Baldwin W1RU former General Manager of ARRL from 1975–1982 and former President of IARU International for seventeen years from 1982–1999. As ARRL Assistant General Manager Dick was primarily responsible for initiating preparations for WARC 79 and was a key player in turning the objective of obtaining three new bands at 10, 18 and 24 MHz into a reality. On his retirement from IARU in 1999 he was named President Emeritus by the Administrative Council. May he rest in peace.

North Cork Radio Group

The North Cork Radio Group is happy to announce that their next event is on Sunday 8th July. The NCRG will activate Seefin Mountain. Using the EI1NC/P call-sign; we hope to either see or work many of you!

DX News

Andy AB7FS will be active from the South Cook Islands until 25 August. His callsign will be E51AND. His QTH of Rarotonga counts as OC-013 for the Islands on the Air Award. QSL to his home call.

A large group of Indonesian operators will travel to the island of Kaliage Besar to operate as YE0M from 6 – 9 July. IOTA reference is OC-177 and QSL Manager is YB1GJS.

DXers will remember that Vlad UA4WHX activated a good number of African countries between 2005 and 2007. More recently he has been worked in Egypt as SU9VB, in Palestine as E40VB and in Bosnia-Herzegovina as E7/UA4WHX. At the time of writing he is now on the air from Montenegro as 4O7VB. His length of stay there is unknown. QSLs go via his home call.

A special event station, TM0TSR, will operate from Saint-Malo, France in connection with this year's Tall Ships Race. They will be QRV from 2 – 8 July and the QSL info is via F4FJH.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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